

REMARKS:

Claims 1-6 are in the case and presented for consideration.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for claiming different scopes of protection in the same claim and for using the indefinite term "preferably."

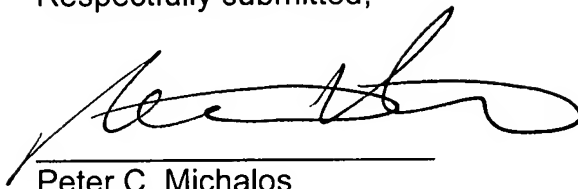
The claims have been amended throughout to either eliminate the alternate scopes of protection or include them as acceptable Markush alternatives, for example, in amended claim 1, line 12, where the definition of the radical R is given as various possibilities.

Claim 1 has also been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2 to create a product-by-process claim as amended claim 1. Since claim 2 is only rejected on formal grounds which believe to have been overcome by this amendment, claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Newly presented claims 5 and 6, which depend from amended claim 1, further define the polar solvent and substantially correspond in subject matter to claim 3, which was also only rejected on formal grounds. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are likewise believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amended claim 2 has also been retained as a method claim, which includes all of the limitations of claim 1 and is likewise believed to be in condition for allowance as is its dependent claim 3, which has been amended to overcome the formal objections, and newly presented claim 4, which further defines the polar solvent.

By this amendment, thus, the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter C. Michalos', written over a horizontal line.

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